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## SPREADING MINING BOOM

That the whole Pacific coast is just now getting the feeling that a great mining boom is under way in this country is evidenced by the fact that Divide is said to have in the banks of Tonopah alone more than \$5,000,000 in money for mining investment and that the banks of the country are bulging with coin for investment in anything that looks good. Arizona with its possibilities of gold and silver development should come into the front ranks for productive investment. This state has been for years the principal copper state of the Union. It was its mines that furnished the allies with the necessary metals to carry on the great war to a successful conclusion, and it will be the metals of this state that will play an important part in the rehabilitation of devastated Europe. The copper we have developed to an unbelievable tonnage and now it is up to the investing public to make possible the development of our vast resource of gold and silver, as well as the important rare minerals. Our state has not received the attention that it deserves along these development lines, but the public must soon come to a realization of the importance of our every mineral resource.

## WATER POWER LEGISLATION

So far the present congress has indicated a desire to give the country the much-needed legislation that will enable development of water power resources on a scale that will enable the country to enter upon the new era of industrial development just opening.

Congressman Esch has reintroduced the so-called administration bill, passed by the house in the last congress, but lost in the senate as the result of the filibuster at the close of the session. Two bill adhering to the main features of the administration measure have been introduced in the Senate.

Those who are following the legislation believe that the passage of the Esch bill would bring about a speedy agreement on a suitable measure between the two branches of congress, and insure action at the present session. Seemingly the various factions heretofore in controversy on water power legislation are united in support of the administration bill, and the long struggle to get action appears to be nearing an end.

## NATIONAL DEBT AS AN ASSET

Our 25 billions national debt are looked upon by many clear thinkers as an additional asset of capital.

For instance if a business man has \$25,000 in property he hesitates to mortgage it to start a business or an industry.

But if he has \$2500 or \$25,000 in national war bonds he can use them as a basis of capital almost as readily as so much cash.

Considered as a whole, the war debt will be found to stimulate industries.

The debt in the form of liberty and victory bond is an expansion of capital or credit on a large scale.

But it will not move freely into industrial development until such ventures are assured of a chance to earn more than the traditional four to six per cent.

## THAT LUXURY TAX

"Come back here" were the shrill cries that overtook a crippled Argonne hero as he hobbled from a Chicago drug-store where he had purchased his favorite bunion pads to ease his remaining foot wrecked when fighting Huns in the trenches. He had deposited the regular price stamped on the box, 25 cents. "You come across with two cents more to meet the luxury war tax on corn pads for crippled soldiers," he was told. And as the hero dugged down for the extra brownies, he was heard to mutter something familiarly similar to what Sherman denominated war American Economical.

During the rush of war and necessity for raising money rapidly, the passage of this act can be excused but there is no excuse now for failing to change this "nagging tax."

## SILVER

The high price of the white metal has been the salvation of many western mining districts.

In combination with gold, copper and lead ores, the profits on silver have kept mines working.

The mysterious white metal was discovered in Colorado in 1862 in connection with gold ore.

In 1895 silver production exceeded gold and the free silver issue of 1896 became predominant.

The real rush for the silver camps in the Rocky Mountain region did not materialize until 1869.

Steps are being taken to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of silver in large lodes.

Senator Pittman has announced that high prices of silver are likely to prevail for the next twenty years.

## VON JAGOW WANTS WORK

Dr. Von Jagow, former German foreign minister, inserts a liner ad in the Berlin Kreuz-Zitung, saying, "I seek employment."

"How have the mighty fallen!" comments Vorwaerts, the socialist organ.

Yea, verily. There are hordes of Prussian militarists and junkers hunting for new jobs, now, thank heaven!

Somebody may hire Von Jagow. Surely he's good for some sort of employment. The mess he made of the German exchange of notes with the United States before we entered the war is sufficient guarantee that he will never get another job as a diplomat, even in Germany; but maybe he can find work as a head-waiter in a restaurant, or foot-walker in a drygoods store, or even as somebody's private secretary, when German business picks up.

Every man finds his proper place, if he looks for it long enough.  
—Arizona Record.

# INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE CITIES

## Uncle Sam May Bust the Famous "Flim-Flam" Trust

MUNCIE, IND.—"A thriving county seat on the White and Fork rivers, where orators, lawnmowers, authors, carriages, congressmen, and agricultural implements are made." One other industry has Muncie of which its chamber of commerce remains modestly reticent. It is the home, according to the department of justice, of the "flim-flam trust."

Now that one William Collins has been overtaken by the authorities at Phoenix, Ariz., Chauncey Stilson, "Spike" Sullivan, and Hugh McGowan are in the toils, and Elmer Boucher, arraigned before United States Commissioner Foote in Chicago, the story of the "trust" may be revealed.

Boucher is said to have been a "tout" for the "trust," and said to have gained half a million dollars by fake fights at Muncie. He is a brother of Sidney Boucher, now held in the Marion county jail in default of bond as a suspect in connection with the operations. Hundreds of prize fighters have dropped "dead" in the ring, crimson streams gushing from the mouth, and as many easy marks have parted with rolls of dough to escape, panic stricken, on the first train in any direction. And the "dead" ring gladiators grinned as they rose from the mat and spit out the bladder that had contained sheep's blood while the "rubes" of Muncie split the spoils and rearranged the setting for the next "big city guy."

Chicagoans have gone to Muncie to bet on the "sure thing" in a prize fight tipped off to them in a hotel bar and forfeited their greenbacks to keep them from being held as "accessories to murder" when one of the fighters dropped "dead"—their name is legion.

The "trust" has flourished in Muncie for ten years, a federal officer said recently.

The "trust," though known far and wide in the sporting world, was apparently unknown to the authorities until the post office inspectors investigated complaints of the unauthorized use of stationery of a big business concern.

He Didn't Understand  
"What's this here game?" inquired Pizen Pete.

"Golf. There's some good shots made in golf."  
"I wouldn't wonder. Plugging that little ball with a revolver ain't bad shooting a-tall."—Kansas City Journal.

Pinning Him Down  
"You say Yorick Hamm is a big movie star?"  
"Sure he is."  
"Never heard of him. What's his salary?"  
"Ten thousand dollars."  
"Fix his class, boy, fix his class. A week or a year?"—Kansas City Journal.

Nature Helps  
"Why is it, Sam, that one never hears of a darky committing suicide?" inquired the Northerner.

"Well, you see, it's disaway, boss: When a white pussoa has a y trouble he sets down an' gits to stuiyin' 'bout it an' worryin'. Then firs' thing you know he's done killed hisse'f. But when a negro sets down to 'think 'bout his troubles (why he jes' nacherly goes to sleep!"—St. Louis Globe.

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## IS PANCHO VILLA ALIVE OR DEAD?



Is "Gen." Francisco (Pancho) Villa alive or dead?

Francisco Villa still campaigns in Mexico, "according to information that has reached the state department," says a Washington dispatch, which restores the former bandit and rival of Carranza to the "bad eminence" he once enjoyed. Thus he is leading a new revolutionary movement, has captured Parral, Jimenez, and Bustillo and is planning a descent upon Chihuahua and Torreon. Furthermore, Villa is preparing a statement to the American press denying that he was involved in the Columbus raid and that he had a hand in the Santa Ysabel atrocity.

Pancho Villa was reported dead of a leg wound received in his attack on Guerrero on March 28, 1916. Three days later Colonel Dodd of the United States army, with some men the Seventh and Tenth cavalry, surprised Villa's band, but failed to take him dead or alive. Then there was a story that gangrene set in and Villa had died in some recess of the Sierra Tarahumara.

Since Washington was impressed the other day with General Villa's translation to high command and refurbished greatness, Carranza's advisers have protested that Jimenez and Bustillo have not been taken, but they have not relegated Pancho Villa to the shades.

Since the fight at Guerrero there has been no Villa before the camera, no Villa interviewed, no pronouncements by Villa, no Villa seen by a responsible American or Mexican.

The brilliant, masterful, restless leader has lived only in rumor and propaganda.

Is Pancho Villa alive or dead?



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